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## ~~Speaker Registration~~/Testimony

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**Meeting Date (\*)** 2015-06-03

**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council

**Agenda Item (\*)** Re: Support to the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 (Appendix B5) to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions

**Your position on the matter (\*)** Support

**Representing (\*)** Organization

**Organization** Surfrider Spirit Sessions

**Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (\*)** No

### Written Testimony

Re: Support to the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 (Appendix B5) to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions Members of the City Council: Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the proposed amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill , Appendix B5 which provides much needed Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions, a 501©(3) non-profit that works with at-risk youth and adjudicated teens. I have served as both a surf mentor and advisory board member for this organization. I have personally witnessed the transformation that has occurred in many of our kids' lives as a direct result of this program. Mentorship provides

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positive role models and surfing provides a healthy and joyful outlet in the kids' lives (many of whom have experienced terrible trauma, entirely outside of their control). I have seen a positive response from almost every single youth that I have have observed in the program. In addition to the statistics which may be provided by other board members, I wanted to add an account of my personal observations. I strongly support this amendment on the basis of personally witnessing the effectiveness of the program. Respectfully, Heather Patterson

**Testimony  
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